

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 06-14-2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3 and 4.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☒ to Paper No./Mail Date 01-02-2003.
 - (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached ~~Examiner's Amendment / Comment~~ ^{Application's} or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date 04-02-2003.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

This action is responsive to the amendment filed 06-14-2004, which has been entered. Claims 1 and 3-4 are allowed.

Drawings

1. The drawings were received on 06-16-2004. The examiner accepts these drawings.
2. The drawings filed on 01-02-2002 are acceptable subject to correction of the informalities indicated on the "Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review," PTO-948 mailed 01-02-03 and the applicant's drawing correction mailed 04-02-2003. In order to avoid abandonment of this application, correction is required in reply to the Office action. The correction will not be held in abeyance.

Reasons for Allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art fails to anticipate or render obvious the combination of a belt for CVT as set forth in claims 1, 3 and 4, and in particular, include a triangle formed by the upper end a of the V-face, the lower end b of the V-face and the inner end c of the saddle face is an isosceles triangle in which the length of the sides ca are equal to the side cd. In addition, in claim 3, a pair of right recesses define in a lower surface and a folding resistant strength of the element body is uniform laterally and the position of the recess is determined in the vicinity of the point of intersection of the lines (S1 and S2) such that the lower edge of the element body is defined by the first line inside the recess and by the second line outside the recess and the line S1 is defined by $Y=Y_r \bullet \sqrt{[(L-X)/L]}$, where Y is the vertical


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distance from S1 to the saddle to the saddle, at a given coordinate X from a reference point and Yr representing the vertical distance at the lateral point. In addition, in claim 4 each recess is positioned in the vicinity of a point of intersection of a straight line from a fulcrum for a total sum of moments applied to the saddle surface in parallel to the V-face of the first line S1.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marcus Charles whose telephone number is (703) 305-6877. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:30 am to 6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Bucci can be reached on (703) 308-3668. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.


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